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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT JANUARY 19

1. ALEXANDRIA CALM THIS MORNING, BUT VERY TENSE. NINETY PERCENT OF DOWNTOWN SHOPS ARE SHUTTERED, REMAINDER WITH SHUTTERS OPEN ONLY A CRACK. MAIN SHOPPING STREETS ARE SHAMBLES OF BROKEN GLASS AND TORN DOWN SIGNS. UNPROTECTED SHOW WINDOWS WERE SMASHED AND LOOTED AND MANY WITH REMOVABLE SCREENS HAD THEM BENT OR TORN AWAY TO GET AT GOODS ON DISPLAY.

2. MOST OF BURNED AND DAMAGED CARS WERE TOWED AWAY DURING NIGHT, LEAVING ONLY EVIDENCE OF SCORCHED PAVEMENT AND SHATTERED GLASS.

3. SHERIF DISTRICT POLICE STATION (ALEX 0062) STILL SURROUNDED BY BURNED POLICE MOTORCYCLES, CARS AND VANS.

4. HEADQUARTERS OF ALEXANDRIA BRANCH OF ARAB SOCIALIST UNION, IN BUILDING DOMINATING SOUTH END OF TAHRIR SQUARE, SACKED AND GUTTED WITH FIREMAN STILL SPRAYING SMOKING RUINS AT 0900 TODAY.

5. CONSUL GENERAL RETURNED FROM INSPECTION TOUR JUST AFTER
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0900 TO FIND PERMISSION HAD BEEN ASKED, AND TENTATIVELY GRANTED BY PSO TO HAVE TEN POLICE SHELTER IN SMALL WATCHHOUSE AT FRONT CORNER OF COMPOUND. THEY ARE NOT AUGMENTING CONGEN SECURITY PER SE, BUT BEING KEPT OUT OF SIGHT AVAILABLE FOR USE IN AREA AS NEEDED.

6. COMMENT: VIOLENCE WAS PRIMARILY DIRECTED AT EVIDENCES OF

GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY POLICE. ALMOST EVERY POLICE BOX IN CITY (AT ALL MAJOR INTERSECTIONS) HAS HAD WINDOWS SMASHED AND, IF WOODEN, BEEN SET AFIRE. WHERE MOB STRENGTH OR MEANS PERMITTED, TRAFFIC LIGHTS WERE TOPPLED OR DAMAGED. IN ADDITION TO MAJOR DAMAGE AT SHERIF POLICE STATION, ALL WINDOWS OF POLICE CLUB ACROSS PARK FROM CONGEN, WERE SMASHED.

7. ALSO BURNED TO GROUND (AT ALL FOUR LOCATIONS NEAR CONGEN RESIDENCE AND OUT TO AMERICAN SCHOOL) WERE SMALL "PEOPLES" FRUIT-AND-VEGETABLE STORES ESTABLISHED IN WOODEN PREFABS BY GOE THROUGHOUT CITY ABOUT A YEAR AGO IN EFFORT KEEP FOOD PRICES DOWN.

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